



Press release – July 2017

**NORTHERN LIGHTS DINNER CELEBRATES TWO DECADES
OF THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY**

Ten of the Northwest's finest chefs will join industry charity, Hospitality Action, for a truly spectacular fundraising dinner at the five star Lowry Hotel in Salford on Monday 11th September. The Northern Lights Dinner will celebrate the region's culinary successes over the past two decades as well as Hospitality Action's 180th Birthday.

Starting with a cocktail and canapé reception, guests will get the opportunity to network with some of the biggest names in the industry, before enjoying a fantastic five course dinner cooked by ten of the region's best chefs. The award winning chefs have been tasked to create a course that showcases how the industry has changed over the past twenty years. Dishes include culinary delights such as Brill, coral crumb, cauliflower cheese, frazzled bacon and aged Lonk lamb, wrapped in seaweed infused butter puff pastry, baked cabbage trompette mushrooms

The chefs taking part are:

Starter: *Shay Cooper*, Executive Chef at The Goring & *Mark Poynton*, Chef Patron at Michelin-starred Alimentum

Fish course: *Andrew Nutter*, Chef Patron at Nutters Restaurant & *Antony Shirley*, Executive Chef at The Seafood Pub Company

Main course: *Nigel Haworth*, Chef Patron at luxury country hotel, Northcote & *Warrick Dodds*, Development Chef at The Individual Restaurant Company

Cheese/savoury course: *Steven Doherty*, former Head Chef at Le Gavroche & *Paul Askew*, Chef Patron at The Art School

Dessert: *Paul Heathcote MBE* and Chef Patron of Heathcote & *Steve Midgley*, Restaurant Consultant.

Penny Moore, Chief Executive of Hospitality Action said: "Cooking styles and techniques have changed so much over the past two decades. We're hugely privileged to have ten amazing chefs celebrating

these changes and showcasing why the region has had so many culinary successes during this time. It also seems very fitting to celebrate our cooking history as we look back over the past 180 years of Hospitality Action. Guests are in for an evening of incredible food and fun, while helping us to raise those all-important funds for the charity.”

Adrian Ellis, General Manager at the Lowry Hotel and chair of the Manchester Hoteliers Association said: “Here at the Lowry Hotel we are great supporters of the brilliant work that Hospitality Action does supporting people in our industry. The event is such an exciting way to increase awareness of the charity, raise money and get some very talented chefs creating all under one roof. We are proud to be hosting such a worthwhile event, it promises to be a very entertaining evening.”

The Northern Lights Fundraising Dinner will help contribute to the record sum of money Hospitality Action is attempting to raise in its 180th year for those in the industry who have fallen on hard times. Here’s just one example of the type of people Hospitality Action helps: <https://goo.gl/Jzs27c>

Join us for a celebration of twenty years of the hospitality industry in the North West! Tickets are £125 per person or £1,200 for a table of ten and are expected to sell fast. They include cocktails and canapés, the five course dinner and matched wines. To get your tickets contact Astrid Wears-Taylor on 020 3004 5503 or at astrid@hospitalityaction.org.uk. Or to find out more visit www.hospitalityaction.org.uk/events

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For more information about Hospitality Action visit www.hospitalityaction.org.uk

Notes to editors:

Hospitality Action is the trade charity for the hospitality industry.
Registered Charity number: 1101083.

Fast Facts about Hospitality Action

£668,621 – the amount of money spent last year supporting past and present hospitality workers that have fallen on hard times.

£80,000 was spent on those in the North West.

82% – the percentage of those helped who were below the age of 60.

37% – the percentage of those helped who were suffering from life changing illness.

How we help

£100 will buy basic clothing and waterproof shoes for someone in need.

£250 will buy baby items for a new mum with no one else to turn to.

£1,000 will help towards the cost of an unexpected funeral.

The Lowry Hotel

The five – star Lowry Hotel is an independent luxury hotel located on the Salford-Manchester boundary, and is the only hotel in the region to be part of the prestigious Leading Hotels of The World. Since opening in April 2001 the hotel has won over 60 awards.

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